

I support the FISTS petition as a licensed advanced class radio amateur operator and as a licensed 1st Class Commercial Radio Licensee. I am dead set against lowering standards of examination to accomodate low achievers. The trend toward "dumbing down" everything to make it easier for someone to pass a grade or obtain a degree or obtain an operator's permit for whatever purpose doesn't do anything but lessen the value those achievements hold for those who previously had to meet the higher requirements. I personally think CW operators are the pinnacle of our hobby. If anything, CW operators should have more priveledges than voice operators. We don't need to cave the HAM licensing requirements for a bunch of whiney, thumb sucking, ex CB'ers who think now that they will be able to go out and just "buy" a HAM ticket.